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Institutional Advancement

In recent months the Institutional Advancement Department (IA) has consolidated its structure and strategy under the leadership of its vice-president Bruce Scott.

Institutional Advancement is responsible for building links between OTS/OBC and the community so as to draw students, as well as prayer and financial support. A number of departments come under IA: communications, public ministries, enrollment (recruitment), alumni/referral services, stewardship and department services.

As Bruce worked with the IA directors (department heads) to tighten the department's focus, changes in the departmental organization resulted. Public ministries, which handles church strategy, ministry teams and special events, as well as department services, responsible for receipting, personnel and computerized information, have been combined formally under Sharon Bell. She has been director of development services since October, 1986.

Alumni/referral services and student enrollment have been linked under Steve Thomson, who came in July 1989 to head the recruitment area. Jake Small, who has headed the alumni/referral area is going into other ministry. To maintain the critical connections with alumni, the executive of both

alumni associations will be taking on more responsibilities.

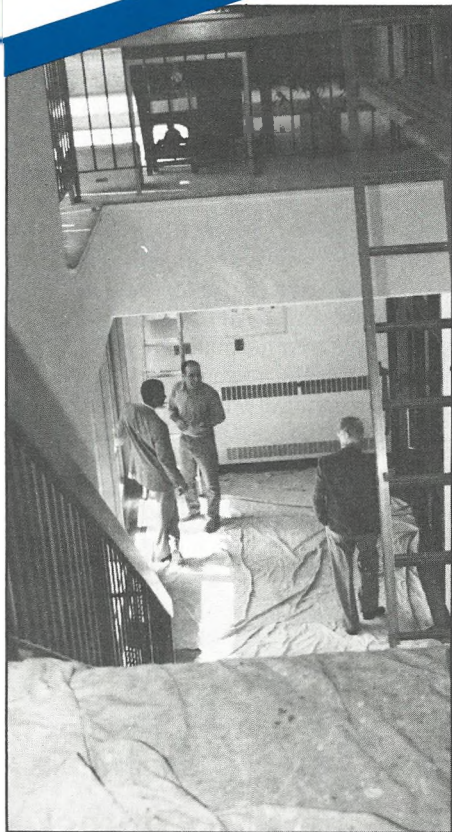
As well, a permanent secretary, Eleanor Engberts, will work in the alumni area three days a week. Eleanor, BRE '90, is quickly becoming familiar with the names and address of our more than 3500 active alumni through her work in the current alumni phone contact program.

In enrollment Steve Thomson will focus more on OTS. An "off-campus" enrollment co-ordinator, Karla Warnholtz, BRE '90, started in June and will work with young people focusing on students in Christian and public high schools.

Gaitree Brijmohan replaced Liz Shouwstra as on campus enrollment co-ordinator in March. (See "Way to Go" p 3.)

Kryisia Lear took over in communications from Karen McCullough in early 1990 to continue building on Karen's work.

The Institutional Advancement team has spent considerable time developing a workable strategy. In place are plans to add new stewardship programs such as a financial aid program to supplement the resources of students needing help to cover tuition. The public ministry will be expanded, promotion increased and a stronger evaluation process implemented.



The retrofit begins.

Capital campaign progressing

While response from the Christian community to supporting the Commitment to Excellence capital campaign is strong, OBC/OTS still needs \$511,000 in cash in order to "put the shovel in the ground."

As of the middle of May, donors had given \$2.2 million in cash and pledges, with more than \$1 million in cash, toward the campaign projects: seminary expansion, professional excellence, library expansion and remodelling, and campus improvements. In one instance a family from the Chinese Christian community committed \$100,000 to build the new OTS student lounge.

The \$511,000 will bring the cash portion to the level we committed to have on hand before starting construction of the much needed seminary expansion. The Board decided on this plan in order to reduce the interest costs on construction. As well, when we reach this target, we will have the assurance of the commitment of the community and affirmation of the Lord's direction.

Campaign benefits

In the meantime, we have already begun upgrading the College facilities. A designated gift from our caterer enabled us to redecorate the cafeteria, now painted a soft jade with deep green accents and a light peach ceiling, complimented by new drapes. The second floor hallway was freshened with a new paint job, a gift from a Toronto painting firm headed by Christians.

This summer we plan to redecorate Hooper Chapel; funds have been provided for this. A gift from a London, Ont. church will enable us to renovate a large classroom to make it more functional. Another contribution helped us replace all the residence mattresses, much appreciated by the students, as is the support from all our constituency.

Vision 2000 Representation

OBC/OTS took their concerns for evangelism to Vision 2000, the Canadian Congress on Evangelism, scheduled for May 16 - 20, in Ottawa. Representing the faculty were Dr. Wm. McRae, president, a member of the congress' task force on equipping for evangelism and Dr. Wm. Wan, vice president, OBC who led devotions one morning. Also attending were Dr. Roy Matheson, OTS professor of New Testament and Dr. John Vissers, OTS professor of theology. Dr. James Beverly, OTS professor of theology, member of the task force on higher education and evangelism, was unable to attend due to illness.

OBC students, Janet Redding, Kevin Wood and Joy Hamilton, all on the student evangelism committee, were

sent by the OBC student council. Fuller reports will appear in the fall issue of *Update*.

Comment

Theology in service

Students need to see theological education as having an end in the life of the church, said John Vissers, OTS professor of theology, in an interview. Vissers is thinking of missions and evangelism in particular. He finds that some students see theological training more in terms of acquiring knowledge than as preparation for service.

At the same time, he says the life of the church needs to be undergirded with theological, biblical thinking, so it simply does not become a pragmatic enterprise. Vissers' concern is that a church not focus primarily on just new

methods and strategies, but that it want to articulate the content of the gospel in today's culture. To illustrate, he said that while evangelicals can readily describe sin as disobedience, it is quite another thing to relate how it is manifested in our culture in a way that "resonates with reality" for the average person.

Vissers' interests are not solely domestic. "Students need to be educated to think globally." He returned from Lausanne II, an international congress on evangelism last year in Manila, convinced that "as a theological educational institution we need to be informed by the global church."

Commitment to world evangelism can empower theological education says Vissers. At the same time those equipped theologically and pastorally to engage in ministry in Canada and around the world will strengthen world evangelism.



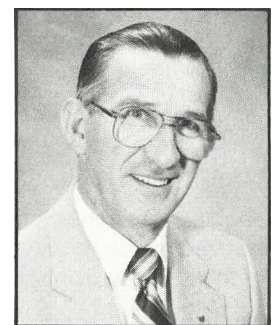
Graduation Celebrations

Pictured at the OBC graduation are the guest speaker, the Honorable Jake Epp, minister of energy, mines and resources, Gordon Johnson, chairman of the board of governors, Barbara Greene, M.P. for Don Valley North, the riding in which the campus is situated, William Wan, vice-president, OBC, and William McRae, president, OBC/OTS. This year 76 degree and one diploma

student graduated; 35 earned certificates. Graduation was April 28 at the People's Church.

Two weeks later, at Bayview Glen Church, 56 degree students graduated from OTS programs. Eight earned certificates this year. Rev. Henry Wildeboer of Zion Christian Reformed Church, Oshawa, ON, challenged the graduates, faculty and audience.

With appreciation



After eight years as director of alumni and referral services, Rev. Jake Small will be leaving the ministry of OBC/OTS this summer. We have appreciated his devotion to the Lord, dedication to these institutions and energetic work on behalf of our alumni. The Homecoming each year has been a major item on his agenda. Under his leadership, a referral services for churches and alumni was established three years ago.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to both Carol and Jake. The prayers and best wishes of all their friends here go with them.

Dr. Wm. McRae, president

Grassroots Evangelism

In an interview during the February OBC/OTS Ministry Enrichment Conference, the speaker, international evangelist Luis Palau, discussed how a local church might approach evangelism. His insights arise out of his experience as an elder at Cedar Mills Bible Church, Portland, Oregon, as well as his years of public ministry.

Developing evangelists

Palau encourages churches to help those with the gift of evangelism develop their abilities. This means identifying those with the gift and providing training.

Palau defines the gift of evangelism as the ability to express the gospel so that people respond to the call of Christ and commit themselves to Him in the end. This involves "faithfully sowing the truth of the saving gospel in a clear biblical and cultural way".

In some cases, elders and deacons may need to seek out and invite those they think are gifted to take part in training. (Church growth specialist Peter Wagner estimates that 15 percent of believers have the gift of evangelism.) Some people may be unsure they are gifted, others may have misconceptions about the variety of opportunities, thinking only in terms of mass evangelism.

As well, he urges churches to analyze where the fledgling evangelist might be most effective. He points out that some people relate very well to children, while others do best with their peer group. The latter may be good, for example, with business or political groups and "horrible" with couples.

Training should cover teaching on the basics of the gospel and on prayer and give opportunities for novices to get experience.

He believes the Sunday School should be a vehicle for supervised evangelistic training as it provides an accessible opportunity to easily track progress. Visitation programs can be used too.

Reaching out

Churches need to be intentional about evangelistic outreach. Palau says

that "the day is returning in the west when planned outreach series are coming back." He suggests that congregations might plan, depending upon location, to have two events a year.

In metropolitan areas, evangelical luncheons geared for professional peer groups can work. Such an event should be held outside the local church in a restaurant or hotel and feature a simple program, preferably without music, based on the format that the guests have experienced at other events.

Sensitivity is needed in giving invitations for a public profession of faith. He stressed that people do not have to come forward, raise their hands or stand up to be saved. He has led people to receive Christ where they were seated. When the occasion is right he may give an invitation or a variation.

He suggests only giving an invitation if unbelievers are present: "At 8:30 a.m., this is doubtful, maybe there are some at 11." But when a pastor senses that the moment is right, or as Palau describes it, the "sense of anointing" then is the time to explain how to receive Christ and lead in prayer for people to receive Christ. If pastors are not sensitive to timing, the lack of response can be depressing. At the same time, Palau feels that pastors sometimes avoid invitations because they are threatened if no one comes forward.

Sometimes after the prayer to receive Christ, Palau may say something in this vein: *I'm sure some of you have been waiting for a long time and this morning you have made the break. You have opened your hearts to Christ and are now in the kingdom. You have eternal life. We would be so excited if you stood so we could welcome you [into the kingdom].*

On one occasion he did this in a California church that didn't have a tradition of invitations, and more than 20 people stood to be greeted by applause as their ministers wept with joy.

Everyone accountable

While evangelists are gifted in bringing people to Christ, all believers have a responsibility to witness affirms Palau.

Six Challenges to Witnessing

For many Christians, sharing their faith verbally ranks high on the top 10 list of things to avoid. In an interview, evangelist Luis Palau cited a number of reasons.

Guilt: Personal guilt distorts peoples view of how worthy or able they are to witness. In one conference session, Palau stressed the importance of personal and corporate holiness and of church discipline in preparing people for effective witnessing.

Pluralism: With the sense in society that all religions have a measure of truth, some Christians feel that it doesn't "seem fair" for them to share their faith. Others use it as an excuse.

Misunderstanding the process: Palau suggests believers see themselves as "links" in a chain; then they only have to discover if they are the last one (the evangelist). The latter means a responsibility to ask people to consider the claims of Christ. Otherwise the important thing is to be used by the Spirit.

Sense of inadequacy: Some fear they may be cornered without the right answers. Palau points out that the Spirit teaches us what to say and reminds us of what we know.

Inexperience: If novices take the plunge they will find they can do it. "No one will go to hell because of making a mistake" when they witness says Palau. God cares that we try at all. The Spirit gives us opportunities if we ask.

Pleasantness: Palau says some Christians "can be so nice they never obey the Great Commission." But the time eventually comes in relationships when the gospel must be put into words. They may be simple: You know Joe there is something I've wanted to say for a long time. "All evangelism has some encroachment on the comfort zone," says Luis Palau.



Wm. J. McRae, DMin
President, OBC/OTS

The World in Miniature

"The whole gospel to the whole world by the whole church." This was the theme of Lausanne II, the conference on world evangelization held in Manila last summer.

While geographically the world is shrinking, numerically it is exploding. Six billion souls! Clearly, maintenance ministries will never be adequate. A new, bold, evangelistic assault is essential.

In New Testament days, Corinth was known as the empire in miniature. Because of its strategic location, its cosmopolitan populace reflected the diversity of the empire.

That's how I think of Canada – and Toronto. The world in miniature. Three million Muslims, two to four million Hindus across the land, more than 180 language groups in Toronto – a city declared by the United Nations this year as the most culturally diverse in the world.

God has brought the world to us! What an opportunity.

At OBC/OTS we are unconditionally committed to Vision 2000 and are accepting responsibility for our community. Accordingly, our students have marked out a nearby area to cover and drafted an outreach plan. Early in this decade we hope to establish a Chair of Evangelism on our campus. The opportunities are fantastic.

This issue also marks a significant editorial transition. After two years with us, Karen McCullough has ventured into a new career focus – motherhood. Karen and Tom's daughter Katherine (Kate) was born in March 1990. How grateful we have been for Karen's partnership and commitment. Krysia Lear, a freelance editor and writer, with experience in a number of Christian ministries, has joined our staff. What a wonderful blessing she has been already as our director of communications and managing editor, *Update*.



HOPE HAS ITS REASONS: FROM THE SEARCH FOR SELF TO THE SURPRISE OF FAITH

Rebecca Manley Pippert, (Harper and Row, hardcover 207 pp., 19.95 Cdn).

Rebecca Manley Pippert made an unforgettable impression on me when I had the privilege of working with her on the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship staff in Oregon 16 years ago. I still remember her exuberance, her love for life, her commitment to God and her ease at talking with non-Christians about Christianity. These qualities come through in her first book, *Out of the Salt Shaker and Into the World*.

Another of her qualities affected me even more, and that was her compelling honesty about her own frailty as a human being. She had grasped better than most of us the basic fact of our sinfulness and our desperate need for grace and forgiveness. Pippert's latest book deals with this theme and addresses the haunting question that both believers and skeptics ask: "What difference does God really make?"

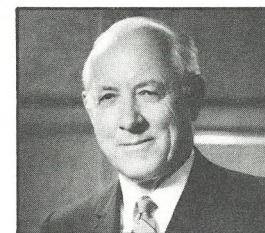
In the opening pages of *Hope Has Its Reasons*, she identifies our common need for happiness and love, and our repeated failure (for both Christian and unbeliever) to realize that desire. Pippert moves from an analysis of contemporary literature, psychology, and expressions of our culture in the media to the biblical diagnosis of our human condition. She is frank, humorous, disarming, and entertaining even while dealing with sobering concepts.

Hope Has Its Reasons is an apology for Christianity with strong echoes of C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* ringing throughout. In the same way that Pippert was attracted to Christianity through Lewis' presentation, she leads an unbeliever gently through the steps to faith. One could feel confident in giving this book to a non-Christian friend.

At the same time, Christians who are willing to honestly review their faith can anticipate a deep spiritual experience. Reading *Hope Has Its Reasons* for me was an invaluable experience of assessing my Christian journey and leaving me "repenting and rejoicing," as was aptly expressed in the book.

Elizabeth Davey, OBC Department of General Arts

In Memorium



Robert McClintock A Life Well-Lived

Mr. Robert McClintock, a faithful servant of Christ for more than half a century, passed away on February 1, 1990. Born in Northern Ireland, he emigrated to Canada as a young man. Several years later, his life was radically changed when he trusted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour through a Gospel radio program on the finished work of Christ.

Throughout his life, he never lost sight of his full and free salvation, and one of his favorite hymns was "Jesus Paid it all, All to Him I owe." His public prayers demonstrated a deep love for his Saviour.

For many years, Mr. McClintock was actively involved with Christian organizations. At Calvary Church in Toronto he taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and served on the board. In addition, he was chairman of the board of governors of OBC/OTS from 1969 until 1976. During this time he worked closely with Dr. S. L. Boehmer and Dr. Victor Adrian in negotiating the purchase of the Willowdale campus of the College and Seminary.

His generous financial support greatly enhanced Christian work in many lands. As a builder of fine homes, he was known for integrity in his business practices and for his interest in church planting. He provided land for several churches in Scarborough.

Mr. McClintock, a beloved disciple of his Lord, had a warm personality and was easy to talk to. Success did not alter his friendships or build a wall between himself and others. May his wife Margaret and his children, Marie (Mrs. John Boddy) and William, know the comfort and peace that comes only from the God whom he loved and served.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord... their works do follow them" (Revelations 14:13).

(Tribute written by Gordon Wright, retired professor of history, OBC, on behalf of OBC/OTS.)

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DRAMA MINISTRY Preparing for the Part

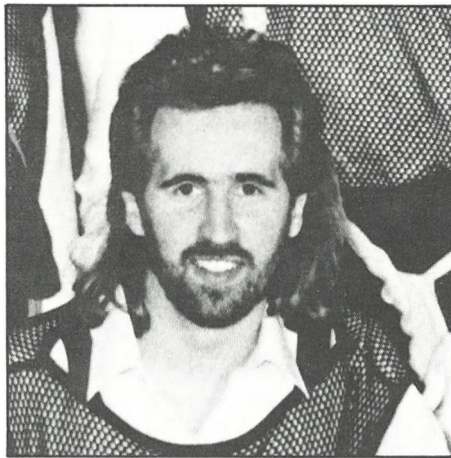
Artistic integrity drew Bruxy Cavey to a theological education. Six years ago he founded NEON, a performing arts troupe, which uses drama, mime, dance and music to share the gospel. The five members first worked as street actors in downtown Toronto and later performed in Los Angeles, Vancouver and Ottawa.

Gradually Bruxy realized he needed a better theological grounding so he could answer some of his critics. On the street he found himself continually confronted with different worldviews and criticisms of Christianity.

This year he graduated from OTS with a Master of Theological Studies. He says, "The Seminary nourished an area of my relationship with God that had too long suffered from a severe deficit: my knowledge of Scriptures and my understanding of the Christian faith."

He also values the mix of people at the Seminary. He found the exposure to denominational backgrounds and perspectives represented by the professors and students enriching, commenting "I wouldn't have it any other way. It would be a scary thing if everybody began to fully agree with me!"

While at OTS, Bruxy continued to perform with NEON on the streets, in missions, and in churches. Lately the troupe has had invitations to high schools, colleges and universities. In high schools the group deals with



Bruxy Cavey was awarded the OTS Joseph McDermott Scholarship in Evangelism at graduation.

issues such as drug and alcohol abuse and sexuality and then invite students to performances where there can be a more complete gospel message.

Last year Bruxy formed the umbrella organization Tetelestai Artistic Communications Society (TACS), a registered charity. NEON is now accountable to its board of directors. He hopes to develop the ministry potential of TACS as a full-time employee; already he envisions the possibility of building a second drama troupe.

And more education is another factor in his plans for growth; Bruxy expects to be back for more courses.

OBC/OTS ALUMNI KEEPING IN TOUCH

BIRTHS

Daughter Jordan to John (BTh '85, MTS '89) & Janine Blackman on June 9, 1989 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Scott Jeffrey to Don & Jennifer Blair (nee Frew, BRE '78) on August 2, 1989, in Toronto, ON

Jonathan David to Rev. David (BRE '80) & Linda Buchner (nee Sibley, BRE '82) on October 18, 1989, in Toronto, ON

Kelsey Gray to Rev. David (BTh '80) & Bobbi Bucknam (nee Collings, BRE '76) on December 11, 1989, in Ages Lake, ILL

Eleanor Melissa to Rev. Jim (MDiv '88) & Sue Clark (nee Fehrenbach, BRE '83) on November 17, 1989, in London, ON

Nathaniel Audley to Audley (BTh '80, MTS '89) & Yvonne Goulbourne (nee Pryce, BSM '80) on December 19, 1989, in Toronto, ON

Robert Daniel to Richard (BTh '88) & Laura Martens (nee Lutes, '83-'85) on December 23, 1989, in Leamington, ON

Aaron David Charles to Rev. (BTh '81, MDiv '83) & Mrs. Philip Ralph on March 29, 1990, in Scarborough, ON

Meagan Rose to Bruce (BTh '87) & Linda Roberts on December 18, 1989, in Toronto, ON

Bradley Dean to Dean (BRE '88) & Sharon Sherk on January 8, 1990, in Waterloo, ON

Benjamin James to Brian (BTh '86, MDiv '90) & Liz Schouwstra (nee Vander Veen, BRE '85) on April 9, 1990, in Toronto, ON

MARRIAGES

Andy Ching, MTS '82, to Rosita Tsoi on June 4, 1989, in Oakland, CA

Gregory Sheil, '85, to Elizabeth Wouters on July 8, 1989, in London, ON

Jeanette Albers, BRE '88, to Timothy Graham Sarver on September 30, 1989 in Mississauga, ON

Lynn Vickery, MTS '85, to Shannon Johnston on December 28, 1989, in Toronto, ON

Sandy Nichols, '78, to Lee Tosh on December 29, 1989, in Virginia Beach, VA

Hanneke van der Mark to Jim Hardwick, BRE '88, on December 29, 1989 in Ancaster, ON

April Murton to Steve McEvoy, BRS '90, on February 3, 1990, in Toronto, ON

Linda Mary Kruger, BRE '90, to Cornelius van Leeuwen, BRE '86, on February 23, 1990, in Toronto, ON

DEATHS

Rev. John Austin, '31, on February 3, 1990, in Toronto, ON

Ida Habermehl, '47, on April 15, 1989, in Kitchener, ON

Margaret Barrey, '49, on September 18, 1989, in Beaver Harbour, NB

Grace Fern Close (nee Ratcliffe, '42) on November 24, 1989, in Simcoe, ON

Richard Knarr, '64 - '66, on December 31, 1989, in Toronto, ON

Olive Fynney, '32, on January 7, 1990, in Moncton, NB

Joan Collins, '61, on February 1, 1990, in Winnipeg, MB

Dr. J. Frank Holliday, '21, on March 2, 1990, in Toronto, ON

Colleen Page (nee Wolfe, BTh '65) on March 3, 1990, in BC

PASTORAL

Stanley Ball, BTh '81, ordained on May 7, 1989, at Kingsway Baptist Church, Toronto, ON. Presently pastoring at Pickering Community Baptist Church, ON

John Blackman, MTS '89, assistant pastor at First Baptist Church, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Rev. Ron (77) & Mrs. Thersa Humphries (nee Klayer, '77) are pastoring Lakefield Baptist Church, Lakefield, ON

Ram Kalap, BTh '82, MTS '84, ordained on April 16, 1989, at Orillia Alliance Church, Orillia, ON. He became a Canadian citizen on December 20, 1989.

Victor Lee, BTh '89, is pastoring the English congregation of the Toronto Chinese Community Church, Scarborough, ON

Rev. Dr. James McCall, BTh '66, in May 1989, received Doctor of Ministry from Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA. July '89, 20th anniversary of ministry at Grace Evangelical Church, Seaside Heights, NJ

Rev. Dwight Patterson, BTh '56, pastors First Baptist Church, Dryden, ON

Phil Shamas, MTS '89, is Youth Pastor at Kanata Baptist Church, Kanata, ON

Rev. Clarence ('58) & Pearl Shelly (nee Sparks, '58) celebrated 30th anniversary of ministry on December 17, 1989, in Chateaugay, PQ

Dr. John Weiler, BTh '69, is senior pastor of the New Minas United Baptist Church, New Minas, NS

MISSIONS

Robert (BTh '80) & Sheila Cousins (nee Stone, MTS '80) working in East Africa in theological education and leadership development (AIM). Now on furlough and on pastoral staff with Wishing Well Acres Baptist Church, Scarborough, ON

John & Lois Dillon (nee Templeton, BRE '81) left for Malaysia, February 1990 (WBT)

Douglas (BRE '83) & Esther Duvall, praise the Lord for visas to Italy (CEF)

Audrey Maw '66, seconded from Interserve to work with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in International Student Ministries in Halifax, NS

David (BRE '84) & Sandra Roberts (nee Janzen, BRE '83) raising support for team ministry in Zambia (AEF)

Arnold & Judy Thiessen (nee Ott, '69) on furlough from Philippines in Canada & USA (WBT)

MINISTRIES

Patricia L. Allan, BRE '85, director of New Beginnings Ministries, Toronto, elected to the Board of Exodus International (a ministry restoring wholeness to homosexuals).

Rev. David Bucknam, BTh '80, now on staff at Arlington Counselling Association in Chicago, ILL

Ruth Copland, MTS '84, Ontario Nurses Christian Fellowship staff worker

NEWS

Helen Hofstetter, '49, now administrative assistant to the President, celebrated 25 years of service at OBC/OTS in April.

Krysia Lear (nee Paziewski, BTh '70) appointed OBC/OTS director of communications and managing editor of Update, January 1990

Rev. Stephen Thomson, MDiv '87, received his MTh in New Testament from Wycliffe College on May 14, 1990. This summer he assumes responsibilities as director of alumni/referral services and continues as director of student enrollment.

Correction

Rev. Alan R. Matthews, '48, passed away in March, not in August 1989, in Hamilton, ON, as reported earlier.

The Way to Go

The College and Seminary lost a good recruiter this spring. Like other OBC/OTS staff, Liz

Schouwstra didn't rush questioning students to sign up; first she helped them make good decisions about their future.

Before she left in March to have her second baby, Benjamin, (one of three children born to staff members in recent months), Liz looked back at her experience. She says she first realized how much she enjoyed administrative work while studying and getting field experience in OBC's Bachelor of Religious Education program.

After graduating in '85, she came on staff in the alumni department, and later moved to recruitment. She commented that being allowed to have a varied work experience helped her "discover a lot of her strengths and spiritual gifts."

The BIG question

She made her job as enrollment coordinator a ministry, counselling prospective students about their concerns. Their greatest preoccupation is in what they can do with their degrees, which she sees as good and bad.

Liz feels that while concern with a marketable skill is legitimate, students don't realize that education also teaches lessons in living. Instead of guaranteeing jobs at graduation, she tried to help students understand that education at OBC gives a strong foundation for the life long career process. Some grads get jobs in the major they first chose, some do graduate work and others discover their gifts and change directions after they start studying. Most will change jobs a number of times over the years.

The one-year option

She also found that many secondary school students want an alternative: "More and more students are realizing the value of one year of biblical teaching." Some still need time to sort out

their goals. For them OBC's certificate program is a good option.

As well, Liz sees a year of biblical and theological studies as almost a necessity for those without a strong Christian grounding, prior to their going to university or community college. The year of input from "mature Christian pros" helps the students; some decide on an OBC degree program. Some transfer their arts and religious studies credits to a university program. And others go directly into the workforce.

Personal change

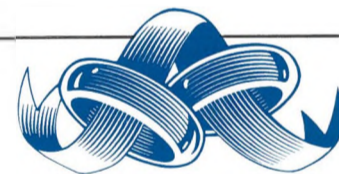
Liz and her husband Brian are themselves entering a new stage in their career path. Brian, who graduated this year from the Seminary with an MDiv, looks forward to serving as a Christian Reformed pastor. First the family must go to the denominational school, Calvin Seminary in Grand Rapids Michigan. Grads from trans-denominational seminaries must take one year there to qualify for the pastorate. Then Brian will have a year of internship.

For Liz the goal is to use her gifts in the church with her young family coming first. After the children are in school she anticipates more change for herself.



Brian and Liz Schouwstra. Brian received the OTS Canadian Bible Society Award at graduation.

Ministry Romance



Two OBC'ers combined romance and adventure this winter. Part-time student, Linda Kruger and alumnus, Neil van Leeuwen (BRE '86) had a candle-lit wedding ceremony in the OBC chapel, February 23, 1990. Then it was off to Cuba, their honeymoon destination chosen for more than its sunshine.

The travellers also acted as couriers for the organization Open Doors with Brother Andrew, which has a ministry to countries closed to the Gospel. Cuba is one of the last communist countries to restrict the importation of Bibles and religious materials.

Their mutual interest in the suffering church in eastern Europe first brought them together. In 1986, with a group of other students, they attended a banquet for Open Doors.

Linda graduated in April with a BRE (missions major); at graduation she received three awards: one from the Honor Society of the Association of American Bible Colleges, the J.B. Rhodes Memorial Award in Theological Studies and the Irwin Gleason Memorial Mission Scholarship. Neil's major is in Christian education. They now plan to seek out mission boards with whom they can do joint ministry in eastern Europe.

Ministry was a mid-life career change for the couple. Both started at OBC in 1983. Prior to that Neil worked in hospital maintenance; now he is part of the OBC/OTS campus operations team. Linda, a single mother, decided on a slower route as her three children, now 17, 18 and 21, went through school. During her seven years of part-time studies she supported herself as a self-employed bookkeeper.

RESERVED
Space is going fast
In the dorms
In the parking lot

If you are considering OBC or OTS, remember our final admission date:

All material in by August 15, 1990

For your convenience, we offer residence living and ready access to expressways and the subway for commuters.

Write soon. Reserve your space.

Jamaica Hello

From May 3 - 21, 25 representatives of OBC - students, faculty, spouses and two children - had a great time working in Jamaica. Led by Dr. Ebenezer Sikakane, OBC missions major co-ordinator; they built three homes, taught Vacation Bible School and did evangelistic outreach. Prior to its going, Emmanuel International experts gave the team orientation training.



Calendar of Events

All events take place on the Bayview Campus unless otherwise indicated. For further information on any events listed here, call 416/226-6380.

July 23 – August 24	OTS "Crash Greek"
August 6 – 17	OTS Summer Session
August 20 – 24	OTS/Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship "Build Your Faith"
August 27 – 31	OTS Youth Ministry – Advanced Sonlife Programs
September 4	OBC Parents Day
September 4 – 7	OBC New student Orientation
September 6 – 7	OBC/OTS Registration
September 10 – 13	OBC Evening school registration (credit division)
September 11, 13	OBC Evening school registration (diploma division)
September 12	OBC/OTS Convocations
September 17 – 21	OBC Spiritual Life Conference
September 20	OBC Community picnic
October 13	OBC Alumni Homecoming

Sports Report

by Steve Wilson

Athletics at OBC has progressed considerably in the past few years and the future holds a lot of exciting possibilities, not only for the students but for the entire College community. We have honed both our philosophy and its implementation.

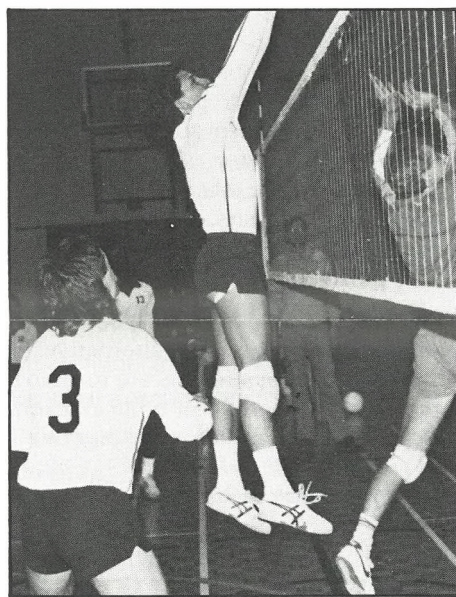
Attitude

The philosophy for our Swordsmen varsity teams, and for all sports at OBC, is to provide opportunities for students to exercise the abilities God has given them as athletes while striving to maintain a proper Christian perspective on the game, and on play in general.

Priorities

Our main priority is to represent Christ and to do nothing that would hinder the gospel of Christ. One of the biggest challenges is to learn to stay in control under pressure.

Our other priorities follow closely: to represent OBC/OTS and its mission as mature men and women in service for God; to strive for excellence and to have our teams enjoy working and playing together.



Action

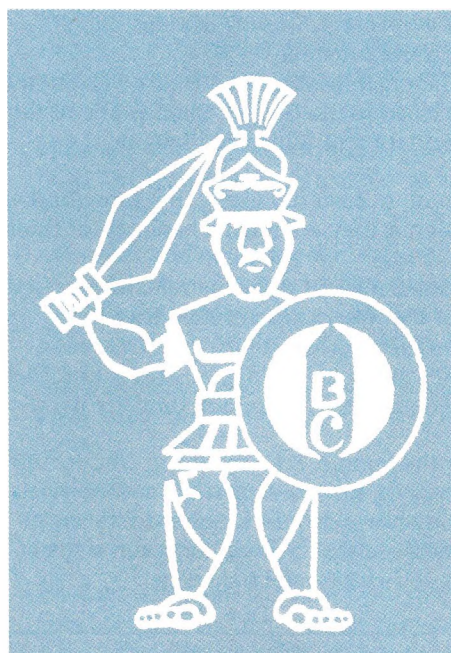
We've set out this year to more fully develop our athletic program. We dropped the old Quads Tournament with its series of exhibition games that lead to that championship tournament. With the level of ability increasing we wanted to provide more challenge.

To do this we established the Ontario Christian College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) with three other colleges in Ontario. Each sport (volleyball, basketball, badminton and ice hockey) has its own Conference league play which counts towards play off standings in a championship. The overall winner taking home the "Quads" championship trophy. We have 60 varsity athletes, most from OBC and a few from OTS.

Fans also appreciate the new level of play, and support has been high. Up to 30 have crowded the bus with the hockey team for games. And even though there's no floor seating, at basketball and volleyball games up to 50 have squashed onto our gym stage.

In addition to OCCAC play, our ladies volleyball, men's hockey and basketball teams continue to participate in local leagues and exhibition games with churches and other colleges. Next year, we plan to expand more tournaments for our teams and to increase our involvement with secular colleges on a one-to-one basis.

Steve Wilson is director of student activities. Anyone interested in participating in sponsoring a team can talk to Steve at 226-6380.



OUTCOME

OCCAC results: The women's volleyball team won their championship while the men placed third; our badminton team placed second overall, the men's ice hockey team missed out on a trip to the finals by a goal and they, too, placed third. The men's basketball team lost in the semi finals and the women's basketball team lost in the finals by 5 points.



CONTINUING EDUCATION



For further information on continuing education programs, contact the OBC or OTS registrar (416/226-6380).

Ontario Theological Seminary

'CRASH GREEK' (8)
July 23 to August 24, 1990
Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Dr. Erwin Penner, OTS lecturer in New Testament

SUMMER SESSION
August 6 – 17, 1990
Monday – Friday
9:30 a.m. – noon
Paul: *His Message and Mission 824 (2)*
Ward Gasque, professor of New Testament, Regent College
Change and Conflict Management 885 (2)
Don Moore, executive director Vision 2000

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
The Character of God 831 (2)
Bruce Demarest, professor of systematic theology, Denver Seminary
Church Growth 1 884 (2)
Dan Kelly, visiting professor of missions, North American Baptist Divinity School

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Creative Teaching Methods 552 (2)
Linda Cannell, professor of Christian education, OTS
Canadian Evangelicalism 839 (2)
John Stackhouse, professor of history, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa

BUILD YOUR FAITH
August 20 – 24, 1990
Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – noon
Law and Grace in Paul 823 (1)
Anne Jervis, lecturer in New Testament, Wycliffe College

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
New Life for the Sunday School 851 (1)
Linda Cannell, professor of Christian education, OTS
The Nature of the Church in a Post-Modern Culture 834 (1)
John Vissers, professor of theology, OTS

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Patterns of Church Renewal 842 (1)
Howard Snyder, associate professor of Church renewal, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio

YOUTH MINISTRY
ADVANCED SONLIFE PROGRAMS
August 27 – 31, 1990
Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Evangelism and Discipleship of Youth – Advanced 1 594 (4)
Laird Crump, director of youth ministries, Spring Garden Baptist Church, Willowdale and Canadian regional trainer, Sonlife Ministries
Evangelism and Discipleship of Youth – Advanced 11 597 (4)
Dann Spader, founder and director of Sonlife Ministries

FALL SESSION
OTS offers continuing education courses every Monday in the morning, afternoon and evening and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Heritage Course
The following heritage courses, only available every other year, will be offered this fall:

Monday, 2 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Baptist Heritage 950 (4)
Required course for those seeking ordination in the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec; recommended for those seeking ordination in the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada.

Dr. Grant Gordon, director of field education, OTS, former pastor, Heritage (Fellowship) Baptist Church, Ancaster, ON.

Dr. William Wood, lecturer in Baptist heritage, Director of Missions Capital Funding, Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec; former pastor, Blythwood Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

Pentecostal Heritage 950
Recommended for those seeking ordination in the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

John Stephenson, lecturer in Pentecostal heritage, professor Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, Peterborough, ON.

Ontario Bible College

FALL SESSION
OBC is offering a full schedule of degree and general interest courses this fall.

Faculty Notes

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Ian Rennie, vice-president, OTS, had a number of articles in *Dictionary of Christianity in America*, editor D. G. Reid, Inter-Varsity Press

Dr. Grant Gordon, OTS director of field education, delivers a paper on Baptist history, Edmonton, AB

Dr. John Vissers, OTS professor of systematic theology, article on the theology of Walter W. Bryden in an upcoming issue of the *Toronto Journal of Theology*. Article in *Calvin Calvin Theological Journal*

Dr. Jim Beverley, OTS professor of theology and ethics, articles, *Toronto Journal of Theology*

Dr. Donald A. Leggett, OTS professor of Old Testament, *Lovers of God and Disturbers of Men*, Welch Publishers. "God's Promise of Forgiveness and Peace," *Decision* magazine, April 1990

Dr. Kevin Quast, OTS professor of New Testament, *Peter and the Beloved Disciple: Figures for a Community in Crisis*, published by Sheffield Academic Press

Dr. William Wan, vice-president, OBC "Policing in a Multi-cultural Society," *RCMP Gazette*; "Jesus sits and eats with Sinners," *The Helping Hand*; "From Chinese Religions to Christianity," *Fellowship*, "Towards a Vision of a Multi-cultural Church," *Chinese Around the World*; "From Cartier to the Charter: Religious Freedom in Canada," to be published by Crux.

GUEST LECTURERS

Dr. Milton Wan, OTS professor of theology and director, Chinese Ministry Program, at Regent College, Vancouver

Dr. Jim Beverley at Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB

PASSAGES

Craig Cameron, OBC professor of history, is leaving for full-time studies to complete his doctoral work at the Toronto School of Theology.

Dr. Henry Friesen, OBC director of field education, retired this year.

Dr. Donald Leggett celebrates 25 years of teaching at OBC and OTS.

Dr. John Wilkinson, OTS professor of youth ministry, earned his Ed. D. from Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at University of Toronto in January 1990.



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